

Attendance of the January 18, 2006 GMTF Meeting
(based on sign-in sheet)

Name	Agency
Adams, Hon. Steve	City of Riverside
Afsharian, Gita	Wilbur Smith Associates
Amiri, Shahrzad	Metro
Baldwin, Hon. Harry	City of San Gabriel
Bok, Susan	LADOT
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Bower, Sgt. Nancy	California Highway Patrol
Brown, Hon. Art	City of Buena Park
Chowdhry, Khalid	LADOT
Cousar, Felicia	Southern California Logistics Airport
Dale, Hon. Lawrence	City of Barstow
Daniels, Hon. Gene	City of Paramount
DiCamillo, LaDonna	BNSF
Farrington, Carl	South Coast Interfaith Council
Flickinger, Hon. Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Gurule, Hon. Frank	City of Cudahy
Guss, Ron	California Trucking Association
Hart, Arno	RNO Group
Heit, Karen	Gateway Cities COG
Herrera, Hon. Carol	City of Diamond Bar
Hopkins, Travis	City of Placentia
Hricko, Andrea	USC
Jackson, Jorge	California Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency
Knox, Deadra	SCRRA
Kumar, Vin	Caltrans District 7
Lee, Francis	Caltrans District 7
Lopez, Rosa	IVAG
Martinez, Guillermo	Port of Los Angeles
Morales, Diane	Caltrans District 8
Neely, Sharon	ACE Construction Authority
Park, Noel	San Pedro Homeowners Coalition`
Patton, Christopher	City of Los Angeles
Roberts, Hon. Frank	City of Lancaster
Saunders, Christine	Port of Los Angeles
Schoetzow, Eileen	LAWA
Smith, Steve	SANBAG
Szerlip, Hon. Don	City of Redondo Beach
Tomley, Heather	Port of Long Beach



Travis, Mary

Wanda, Kathleen

Warren, Elizabeth

Wilson, Joan

VCTC

Caltrans District 7

LA Chamber of Commerce

California Business, Transportation, and
Housing Agency

SCAG Staff

Alcock, Joe

Pfeffer, Nancy

Wong, Philbert

GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Art Brown, City of Buena Park, called the meeting to order. A list of those in attendance is included in the minutes. Self introductions were made.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of the November 16, 2005 Minutes

Motion to approve the November 16, 2005 Goods Movement Task Force minutes was seconded and accepted with no objections.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Geographic Variations In Cancer Incidence

Dr. Thomas Mack, Professor of Preventative Medicine, University of Southern California, presented this item.

Dr. Mack noted that known environmental carcinogens such as benzene, asbestos, hexavalent chromium, and other substances are present in many different environments. However, these substances are usually not present in high enough doses to cause cancers. Based on this observation, he concluded that it is more likely that environmental cancers are the result of exposures that are less localized but more widely disseminated, long-lasting, and cumulative.

Dr. Mack has written a book titled 'Cancers in the Urban Environment', which analyzes risk factors, local risk, and



unexpected patterns for specific types of cancers. For example, it analyzed Kaposi Sarcoma, which is a cancer that occurs as a result of AIDS. In his book, he describes the rates of Kaposi Sarcoma by location (Los Angeles, San Francisco, Utah, the U.S., and Denmark), age, gender, and ethnicity. Cancer rates are also shown by year and socio-economic status.

In studying census tracts just east of the I-710 freeway and adjacent to the Ports, researchers have observed higher rates of cancer of the oropharynx (mouth and throat). For example, in the area east of the I-710 there was a 30% higher rate of mouth and tongue cancer in women, relative to the overall Los Angeles County rate. Furthermore, in census tracts adjacent to the Ports, the rate of mouth and lung cancer was 50% higher in men and 60% higher in women relative to the overall Los Angeles County rate. In terms of pharynx cancer, the rate was 30% higher in men and 40% higher in women relative to the overall Los Angeles County rate. As a result of these observations, Dr. Mack researched possible causes of the higher incidences. He noted that while he has observed higher rates of cancer in those particular areas, he could not definitively conclude the causes of those cancers.

Hon. Don Szerlip, City of Redondo Beach, asked if smoking was one of the causes of the higher incidences of cancer. Dr. Mack responded that smoking would cause much higher rates of lung cancer relative to mouth/tongue and pharynx cancer than has been observed. However, the rates of mouth/tongue and pharynx cancer are higher than that of lung cancer in this particular area, meaning the higher incidences of cancer are probably not the result of smoking.

Hon. Harry Baldwin, City of San Gabriel, asked if chewing tobacco had any impact on the observed cancer rates. Dr. Mack responded that chewing tobacco was probably not a cause, because higher cancer rates were observed in women, and women are generally not users of chewing tobacco.

In the future, Dr. Mack would like to see particulate measurements be made in census tracts in the vicinity of the ports, and noted that Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have taken steps to do this. Also, Dr. Mack would like to compare cases of pharyngeal cancer in the port area to cases in other areas and to healthy persons.

4.2 Update on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan

Ms. Michelle Smith, Metro, presented this item. The Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan is a partnership between Metro, SCAG, the Orange County Transportation Authority, Riverside County Transportation Commission, San Bernardino Associated Governments, Ventura County Transportation Commission, and the four Caltrans districts in the region (7, 8, 11, and 12). This project is an 18-month effort that began in July 2005 and is expected to be completed by winter 2007.

The goal of this effort is to develop a plan that balances community issues with the need to move goods throughout the region. In addition, the plan will be both fundable and feasible; contain short and long term plans, address all modes, and include capital and non-capital options; and look at the impacts of goods movement on neighboring counties. The plan will document existing conditions, identify options for addressing freight, and investigate possible capital and operational improvements and institutional arrangements. In addition, the plan will attempt to identify funding sources. The focus of the study is on consensus building, developing feasible improvements, and implementation to develop an action plan that is credible, supportable, and fundable.

Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meetings will be held once every two months and is one of the primary means for stakeholders to provide input into the study. The first SAG meeting was held in October, and the next meeting will be held in February at SCAG.

In addition, a survey will be sent out to both public and private stakeholders and others with an interest in goods movement. The purpose of the survey is to get a better understanding of what the concerns and perspectives of stakeholders are.

Mr. Arno Hart, The RNO Group, presented the remainder of the presentation. The scope of work for this effort entails eight tasks, which include: project management and administration, outreach; compilation of existing goods movement data; an assessment of growth in freight demand; an analysis of trends in the logistics industry and baseline (2030) system performance; an evaluation of the community, environmental, and economic impacts of freight movement generators and facilities; the evaluation of strategies for improving the movement of goods; identification of strategies for mitigating the effect of goods movement on local communities and the environment; and development of the final Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan.



In developing strategies, it is envisioned that a funnel approach will be used to screen a large number of strategies to get down to a set of final strategies to recommend.

Currently, an existing conditions report is being prepared. In terms of schedule, from January – April 2006, forecasts and analysis will be conducted. From April – July 2006, early strategies will be developed, and from July – September 2006 likely strategies will be evaluated. Finally, the plan will be finalized from September – December 2006.

Mr. Noel Park asked about the relationship between this effort and other efforts, such as the State Goods Movement Action Plan. Ms. Nancy Pfeffer, SCAG, responded that there are a number of efforts currently underway mainly because the decision making process involves many different agencies. Furthermore, the soon to be released Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan website includes a page that describes the relationship between the different efforts.

Ms. Andrea Hricko, USC, requested that more representation from community and health-related groups be included in future SAG meetings.

Ms. Shahrzad Amiri, Metro, commented that this effort is intended to serve as input into the State Goods Movement Action Plan, and that the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan was initiated prior to the state plan.

Mr. Carl Farrington asked whether the Multi-County plan will be looking at new technologies for moving goods such as Maglev. Ms. Smith responded that the plan will do so.

5.0 STAFF REPORT

Ms. Pfeffer provided the staff report. She reported on the following items:

- SCAG provided comments to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in regard to the Interim Environmental Review of the proposed U.S.-Thailand Free Trade Agreement. This document was emailed to the GMTF on January 17, 2006, and brought to the TCC at their January meeting. Because comments were due by January 6, SCAG

was unable to bring them to the GMTF before the due date. It is important to note that this is the first time the Federal government has requested information on the local impacts of Federal trade policy.

- On February 7-8, representatives from SCAG and the County Transportation Commissions will be traveling to Washington DC to meet with key Congressional representatives and their staff to discuss transportation needs in this region.
- The week of January 23, key staff will be traveling to Washington DC to meet with EPA, Office of the Trade Representative, and DOT regarding a memorandum of understanding that attempts to express the intention of the federal, state, and local agencies to collaborate on addressing goods movement issues.
- The Faster Freight Cleaner Air Conference will be held on January 30-February 1, 2006 at the Long Beach Convention Center.
- The National Urban Freight Conference will be held on February 1-3, 2006 at the Westin Long Beach.
- SCAG has hosted three Executive Stakeholder Roundtables, in February, May, and August 2005. A fourth and possibly final Roundtable will probably be held at the end of February.
- The Inland Port Feasibility Study TAC will hold its first meeting on January 26 at SCAG.
- An RFP was released by SCAG entitled 'Environmental Mitigation Plan for Goods Movement in Southern California'. The goal of this study is to determine what \$10 billion could achieve in terms of environmental mitigation and whether or not \$10 billion is sufficient for mitigation.
- The February meeting of the GMTF will include a presentation on the development of the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and important milestones the task force should be aware of.

6.0 COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Sharon Neely, ACE Construction Authority, noted that the agenda should have included an item on the proposed state bond measures. Ms. Pfeffer will attempt to put this item on the February agenda.

Hon. Szerlip commented that there is a need to continue to apply pressure to the federal government to reduce emissions from both diesel trucks and ocean going vessels.

Chair Brown asked each member of the GMTF to provide a bio in order to demonstrate to those in Washington DC the diverse group of representatives on the GMTF.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

The next regular GMTF meeting will be:
Wednesday, February 15, 2006
9:00am-11:00am
SCAG Offices, San Bernardino Conference Rooms A&B

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am



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